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# News from State Auditor Ed Hatchett's Office

## Hatchett Releases Audit of Bracken County Clerk's Fee Account

(Frankfort) State Auditor Ed Hatchett today released his audit of the 1998 financial statements of Bracken County Clerk Karen Rumford. As Auditor of Public Accounts, Hatchett is responsible for auditing the accounts and financial transactions of Kentucky's county governments and state agencies. State law requires the Auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

The County Clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records and providing other services. The Clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit contains the following comment:

- The County Clerk should enter into a written agreement with the bank to adequately protect taxpayer deposits in the Clerk's official fee account. Federal law 12 U.S.C.A. § 1823(e) requires the Clerk and the bank to enter into a written agreement that is approved by the bank board of directors and made an official record of the bank. The purpose of this agreement is to protect all amounts of taxpayer funds on deposit that exceed the Federal Insurance Deposit Corporation maximum of \$100,000.
- Subsequent to our audit finding, on May 21, 1998, the Clerk entered into the required agreement with the bank.